

CAPSULE SUMMARY
William Butler House
148 Duke of Gloucester Street
AA-468

The William H. Butler House at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street was built between 1849 and 1857 and survives in relatively unaltered condition. Presented in an elegant and urbane Italianate style of architecture, the three-story house reflects the most up-to-date design tendencies of the period found in urban America and is a noteworthy architectural addition to Annapolis. Furthermore, the house was occupied by the well-established African-American William H. Butler and his family for over 59 years beginning in 1863.

Set upon a raised brick foundation, the building is an impressive free-standing townhouse presented in a sophisticated Italianate style of architecture, characterized by an ornate bracketed wood cornice and long, narrow segmental-arched windows with stone sills and keystones. It stands three stories in height and is three bays wide with a side-passage entry. Constructed of brick, the structure has a pressed brick facade laid in stretcher bond, and side walls laid in an unusual pattern of six rows of stretcher bricks to one row of Flemish bond. A three-story ell featuring a three-story porch projects from the rear. William H. Butler, a "free black" who was a builder and landowner, was counted as one of the wealthiest men of 19th-century Annapolis. He purchased the house in 1863 and lived there until his death in 1892. The house remained in Butler family hands until 1922 after which it was converted into apartments.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
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ANNAPOLIS SURVEY

Inventory No. AA-468

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1. Name of Property

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historic name William H. Butler House

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 148 Duke of Gloucester Street not for publication
city or town Annapolis vicinity _____
state Maryland code MD county Anne Arundel code 003
zip code 21041

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ☒ Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District
No _____

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Multiple Dwelling
Commerce/Trade Offices

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
roof Not visible
walls Stretcher bond brick
other Six-course American combined with
Flemish bond

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance 1849-1857

Significant Dates 1849-1857

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation undefined

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property designated as 148 Duke of Gloucester Street is located on Parcel 802 as indicated on Tax Map 4-6.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building located at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street has been associated with Parcel 802 since its construction in 1849-1857.

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11. Form Prepared By
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12. Property Owner
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city or town Blacksburg state VA zip code 24060
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The William H. Butler House at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street, built between 1849 and 1857, is an impressive three-story brick townhouse designed in an urbane Italianate style of architecture.¹ Though originally built as a single-family residence and modified between 1922 and 1930 to accommodate apartments, the house survives in a relatively unaltered state on the exterior.

EXTERIOR

The imposing three-story brick dwelling at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street is located on the northeast side of the street between Conduit and Green streets. Set upon a raised brick foundation, the building is an impressive free-standing townhouse presented in a sophisticated Italianate style of architecture. It stands three stories in height and is three bays wide with a side-passage entry. Constructed of brick, the structure has a pressed brick facade laid in stretcher bond, and side walls laid in an unusual pattern of six rows of stretcher bricks to one row of Flemish bond. An ornate bracketed wood cornice extends across the facade of the dwelling, while stepped parapet walls stretch along the side elevations at the roofline. A three-story ell featuring a three-story wood porch projects off of the rear of the building, giving the building its L-shaped plan.²

The facade (southwest elevation) is divided into three bays with regularly spaced openings on each of the levels. The first story, raised above ground level, consists of a side entry door and two windows, while the second and third floors have three windows each. The basement level is similarly lit by two square openings in two of the three bays. These openings have louvered shutters (maintained in the closed position) and feature stone sills and stone lintels.

The first story entry is located in the southeastern bay. It is reached by a granite stoop with an elegantly detailed and original

¹ The date of construction is based upon archival evidence. In 1849, then-owner of the property, Susannah Brewer, was assessed \$250.00 for one unimproved lot in Annapolis; in an 1857 equity case the property is described as a "lot and house."

² Based upon historic maps, this was originally a two-story ell with no porch. Between 1921 and 1930, when the building was converted into apartments, the rear ell was raised to three stories and the porch was added.

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cast iron railing. The iron railing on the stairs is elegantly ornamented with a lyre motif, while the iron balustrade of the porch landing features a cross and circle motif. The door is a six-panelled wood replacement door, set in a recessed and paneled entry, with a single-light transom above. Both the door and its transom are recessed into a segmental-arched opening, articulated at top center by a keystone and at the transom bar by intricate wood carvings. The two windows next to the door are fitted with the original 2/2 sash similarly recessed into segmental arched openings. These openings are articulated with stone sills, a keystone, as well as stone imposts. The second and third stories both have three 2/2 windows also recessed into segmental arched openings with stone sills, keystones and imposts. Of particular note is the subtle diminution of window length according to the floor level--a design technique expected of an urban townhouse of this period in any large city, but not necessarily in the smaller, more vernacular aesthetic common to Annapolis.

A bracketed wood cornice with modillions and corner pendant moldings crowns the roofline of the stately facade, wrapping slightly around the corner of the dwelling. Another row of molding forms the base of the cornice, separating it from the third story below.

The northwest (side) elevation of the building includes the side wall of the main block as well as the side wall of the rear ell. The main block is three bays deep, while the rear ell projects four bays in depth. The side wall of the main block has windows on all levels. The basement level has two replacement windows that have been fitted into altered openings which appear to have been reduced in size, though both openings have stone sills and brick jack arched lintels. The first and second stories have three windows defining each of the bays; on both levels there is one 6/6 and two 2/2 windows, all with stone sills and brick, jack-arched lintels. The third story simply has two 2/2 windows.

The northwest elevation of the rear ell is divided into four bays and features, most notably, a three-story wooden porch. Each floor of the ell has the identical fenestration pattern of door, window, door, window, and relates to the individual apartments on the interior. Each of the entries on all three floors have doors with 15 lights. The windows on the first story are all 6/6, while those on the second and third stories are 2/2. All openings are articulated with brick, jack-arched lintels.

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The northeast (rear) elevation consists of the exposed bay of the rear wall of the main block of the building and the rear wall of the ell. The exposed bay of the main block of the dwelling has a single door opening on each of the floors, reached by the porch. Each of these doors has a single large light over three panels, the upper-most one which is divided into three squares. A single-light transom surmounts each of the doors. The rear wall of the ell has a smooth stucco finish and no openings.

The southeast (side) elevation consists of this side wall of the main block and of the rear ell. The main block, two bays deep, has regularly spaced windows on all floor levels. The first story has only a single 2/2 window, while the second and third stories have one 2/2 windows. Altered brickwork indicates that a second window opening was at one time found on both the second and third stories. A basement entrance, set below grade on this wall and reached via concrete steps, appears to have been modified. This is evidenced by the significantly altered brickwork found around the entry well. The door opening, however, as well as the window next to it occupy original openings, as indicated by the jack-arched brick lintel identical to those found above all the other windows and doors.

The southeast side wall of the ell has openings on all three levels. The first story has a single, four-panelled wood door with a two-light transom and two 6/6 windows with fine muntins. The second and third stories each have two 2/2 windows. The 2/2 windows have flat muntins and the sash is pegged. The brick appears to have been re-worked below the second story windows. The window openings on each of these floors have stone sills and jack-arched lintels.

The interior of the William H. Butler House was not accessible for survey.

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Built between 1849 and 1857 and surviving in relatively unaltered condition, the three-story William H. Butler House at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street was designed in an elegant and urbane Italianate style of architecture. The dwelling, which reflects the most up-to-date design tendencies of the period found in urban America, is a particularly noteworthy architectural addition to Annapolis which, at that time, was not experiencing significant new local development.³ In addition, the house was occupied by William H. Butler and his family for over 59 years beginning in 1863. William H. Butler, a "free black" who was a builder and landowner, was counted as one of the wealthiest men of 19th-century Annapolis. The house is one of the finest examples of residential Italianate design in Annapolis and stands as one of the only surviving residential sites associated with the African-American establishment. Finally, the building serves as an important memorial to one of the city's most illustrious men.

SITE HISTORY

The property known as the William H. Butler House at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street was originally part of a larger parcel of land, designated as Lot 26, and surveyed by James Stoddert in 1718. At the time of the survey, Lot 26 was owned by Amos Garrett. Amos Garrett is believed to have been "the most prominent and by far the most successful" merchant in Annapolis from the first decade of the 18th century until his death in 1727.⁴ Garrett, who served as the first mayor of Annapolis, apparently made his fortune lending money at interest and dealing with imported goods.⁵ Following Garrett's

³ The Naval Academy was under construction at that time (1845-1850), but was the result of different forces and had little to do with local Annapolis building trends.

⁴ Edward Papenfuse. *In Pursuit of Profit, The Annapolis Merchants in the Era of the American Revolution, 1763-1805*. (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1975), p 13. Papenfuse places Garrett's death in 1728; however, his gravemarker, located in St. Anne's Church Yard shows his death date as March 8, 1727.

⁵ Despite the financial success he enjoyed throughout his lifetime, Garrett's body was arrested for debt after his death in 1727, and kept for seven days as was allowed by old law of England (Elihu Riley. *The Ancient City: History of Annapolis in Maryland, 1649-1887*. Annapolis, MD: Record Printing Office, 1887), p 76).

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death, his heirs sold Lot 26 to Dr. Charles Carroll.⁶ By 1737, Carroll had purchased the adjoining lots designated Lots 25, 28, 29, 30 and 32. He also owned other non-contiguous property in Annapolis. In 1752, Green Street was laid, cutting through Lot 26 (and possibly part of Lot 25) from Main Street to Duke of Gloucester Street. Following this urban improvement, Carroll subdivided Lot 26 and advertised lots on both sides of Green Street for sale or lease.⁷

In 1781, Charles Carroll, bequeathed his land holdings to his nephew, Nicholas Maccubbin, Jr., provided Maccubbin change his name to Carroll. The *Maryland Gazette* documented the official name change on June 5, 1783. Based upon advertisements found in the *Maryland Gazette*, it appears that in 1783 Nicholas Carroll began to lease off the lots on Green Street.⁸ The lot on which the dwelling at 148 Duke of Gloucester now stands was leased to Jacob Hurst in May 1784 for 99 years, along with two adjacent lots.

PROPERTY HISTORY

Jacob Hurst, referred to as "the peddler" is listed as a storekeeper in the 1783 Tax List.⁹ Following Jacob Hurst's death in 1792, his property, including the lease on Duke of Gloucester Street, was inherited by his son, John Hurst, (1763-1841). According to the Federal Direct Tax of 1798, John Hurst was charged with six properties in the city of Annapolis. Hurst retained the lease of the Duke of Gloucester Street property until 1823, when the owner, Nicholas Carroll sold the lot to William T.T. Mason and

⁶ Dr. Charles Carroll was born in Ireland about 1691.

⁷ Edward Papenfuse and Jane McWilliams. "Southern Urban Society after the Revolution: Annapolis, Maryland, 1782-1786." Final Report for NEH Grant #H69-0-178, Historic Annapolis Foundation, 1969.

⁸ Edward Papenfuse and Jane McWilliams, "Southern Urban Society after the Revolution: Annapolis, Maryland, 1782-1786." Final Report for NEH Grant #H69-0-178, Historic Annapolis Foundation, 1969, Parcel 12.

⁹ Papenfuse, Appendix B, part 1: Occupational Index to the 1783 Tax List, Annapolis Hundred, Derived from Individual Career Profiles, p. 251. Jacob Hurst is referred to as "the peddler" in Papenfuse, p. 149.

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his wife, Ann. In 1830, Mason was charged with one unimproved lot in Annapolis valued at \$200. In 1840, the Masons sold the property to Susannah Brewer for \$150.00. In 1849, Susannah Brewer was assessed \$250 for one lot in Annapolis. A comparison of the value of the property in the 1840 sale and the 1849 assessment indicates that the property was unimproved in 1849.

BUILDING HISTORY

In 1857, the property went into equity in the case of Philip Clayton and others vs. Susannah Brewer and others. Philip Clayton was named trustee with instruction to sell the land. The property was purchased by James W. Allen. It was recorded in October 1860 in Anne Arundel County Land Records and is described as "the house and lot..." This reference serves as evidence that the house was built between 1849 and 1857, when it was mentioned in the equity case, under the ownership of Susannah Brewer. Further, in 1860 James W. Allen was assessed for one house on Duke of Gloucester Street.

Surviving in relatively unaltered condition, the tall, three-story dwelling was designed in an elegant and urbane Italianate style of architecture. The building, which reflects the most up-to-date design tendencies of the period found in urban America, is a particularly noteworthy architectural addition to Annapolis which, at that time, was not experiencing significant new development. The house is one of the finest examples of residential Italianate design in Annapolis.

Three years after purchasing the house and lot at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street, James W. Allen sold the property to William H. Butler, "a free person of color,"¹⁰ who lived at the grand residence until his death. William H. Butler, (ca. 1825-1892), listed as a carpenter and landowner, is counted as one of the wealthiest "free blacks" of the city in the 1860 census. At that time, his total assets are listed at \$3,060. William H. Butler was also responsible for several residential developments in Annapolis: in 1880, Butler purchased a parcel of unimproved land along Market Street, subdivided it and, between 1885 and 1890, built the row of dwellings at 111-119 Market Street.

¹⁰ Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber NHG 11 Folio 193.

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In addition to amassing considerable wealth, William H. Butler is noted as being the father of William H. Butler, Jr. In 1873, the younger Butler was elected to the Annapolis City Council and served two terms. According to *Phillip Brown's The Other Annapolis, 1900-1950*, William H. Butler, Jr. was the first African American in Maryland to be elected to public office.¹¹

By 1892, at the time of his death, William H. Butler, Sr. was considered one of the city's wealthiest men, of any race. The total value of his assets was listed as \$38,977.95.¹² Because Butler died intestate, his property went into equity. As a result of the equity case between William H. Butler, et al vs. Sarah I. Butler, et al, Butler's land was divided among his wife, Sarah, and their six children (two of whom were minors).¹³ His widow, Sarah Butler retained ownership of the family residence at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street and she continued to reside there.¹⁴ In 1922, the property was sold out of Butler family hands.

In 1922, Raymond L. Moss (1870-1941), grocer, and Philip Miller (1872-1972), a Russian immigrant and owner of the Republic Theater on Main Street, bought the property. By 1930, the two entrepreneurs raised the rear ell of the house from two to three stories, and converted the building into apartments. According to *Polk's City Directory* of 1928-1929, the building was called the Municipal Apartments and contained three separate apartments.

Harry Ivrey purchased the building in 1939. In the 1949 directory records, the building was still known as the Municipal Apartments

¹¹ According to Phillip Brown in *The Other Annapolis, 1900-1950*, Harry Scythe Cummings, elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1878, was long believed and reported to be the first Maryland African American to hold this distinction. (Philip L. Brown, *The Other Annapolis, 1900-1950*. Annapolis, MD: Annapolis Publishing, Co., 1994, p. 127).

¹² Equity Case 1614. William H. Butler, et al, versus Sarah I. Butler, et al.

¹³ Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber SH 22 Folio 563.

¹⁴ Sarah Butler's death date is unknown; therefore it is not known if she lived at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street until her death.

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and still had three apartments; by 1954 the city directories no longer list the building as the Municipal Apartments, but indicate that three separate individuals occupied it. The building remained in Ivrey family hands until 1975. The building is presently owned by William B. and Shirley S. McGentry and appears to be used as rental apartments.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and
Community Planning

Resource Type(s)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function (s): Domestic/Single Dwelling
Domestic/Multiple Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title for 148 Duke of Gloucester Street:

May 6, 1784: Nicholas Carroll to Jacob Hurst
99 year lease on three lots
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber NH 2 Folio 24

1792: Jacob Hurst bequeathed to John Hurst
Will Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber JG 1 Folio 306

June 7, 1823: Nicholas Carroll to William T.T. and Ann Mason
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber WSG 9 Folio 516

June 30, 1840: William T.T. and Ann Mason to Susannah Brewer
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber WSG 25 Folio 217

October 19, 1860: Equity Case : Philip Clayton versus Susan
Brewer
Philip Clayton, Trustee, to James W. Allen
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber NHG 9 Folio 531

April 16, 1863: James W. Allen to William H. Butler, "a free
person of color"
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber NHG 11 Folio 193

July 31, 1893: Equity Case 1614: William H. Butler, Jr, et
al versus Sarah I. Butler, et al
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber SH 22 Folio 563

August 4, 1921: Equity Case 4548: William H. Butler, Jr.
versus Adde Ireland
Nicholas H. Green appointed to sell

August 11, 1922: Nicholas H. Green, Trustee, to Raymond L. Moss
and Philip Miller
Land Records of Anne Arundel County,
Liber WNW 52 Folio 310

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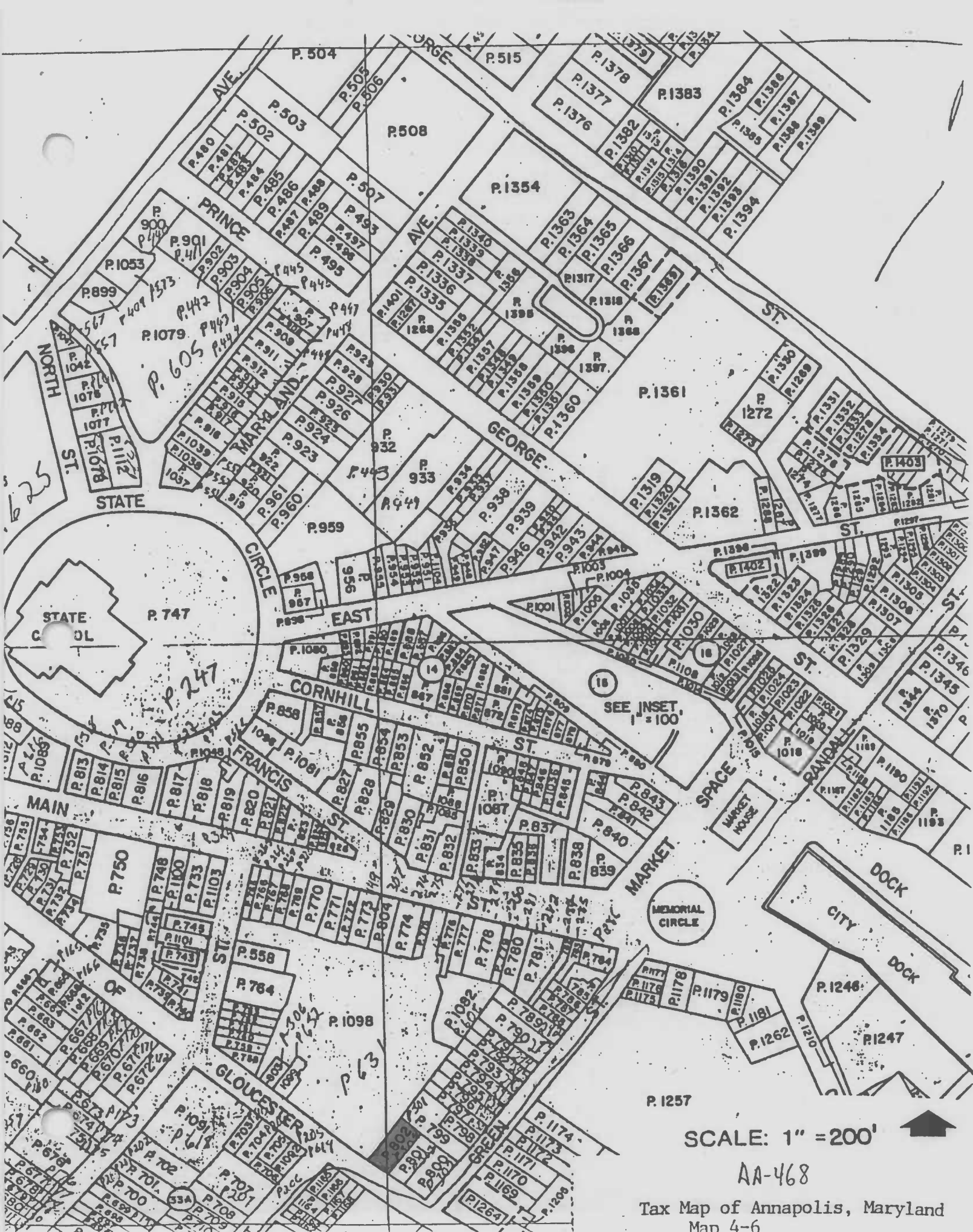
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August 22, 1939:	Raymond Moss and Eugene P. Childs, Trustee, to Harry Ivrey Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber JHH 207 Folio 96
January 7, 1975:	Tillie Ivrey Rosenstein, widow of Harry Ivrey, bequeathed to Samuel M. Ivrey and Sara Ivrey Gilden Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber WGL 2730 Folio 895
July 31, 1975:	Sara I. Gilden to Stephen T. Vacendak Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber 2779 Folio 216
March 29, 1978:	Stephen T. Vacendak to William B. and Shirley S. McGentry Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber 3070 Folio 695



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Tax Map of Annapolis, Maryland
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FACADE AND NORTHWEST ELEVATION,

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FACADE, 1ST STORY WINDOW, VIEW

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DOOR ON PORCH, 1ST STORY, VIEW

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY: Anne Arundel	SURVEY NUMBER: AA 468
TOWN: Annapolis	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
LOCATION: 148 Duke of Gloucester	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
COMMON NAME:	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32 Par 304	PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
OWNER: McGinty Wm B & Shirley ADDRESS: 5401 Burling Rd Bethesda, MD 20014	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: William Butler House
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (x) No () Restricted ()	PRESENT USE: Apartments
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local () State (x) National ()	ORIGINAL USE: SF Res.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
1. Foundation: Stone () Brick (x) Concrete () Concrete Block ()	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
2. Wall Structure	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good () Fair (x) Poor: ()
A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()	THEME:
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (x) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()	STYLE: Victorian Italianate
C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:	DATE BUILT: c.1850-1860
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer (x) Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle () Bonding Pattern: Common Other:	
4. Roof Structure	
A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()	
B. Other:	
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal () Built Up (x) Rolled () Tile () Other:	
6. Engineering Structure:	
7. Other:	
Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys (x) Sheds () Ells (x) Wings () Other:	
Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed (x) Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead () Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front () Other:	
Number of Stories: 3 on high basement	
Number of Bays: 3 x 6	Entrance Location: Right
Approximate Dimensions: 25 x 60	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (x) Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Heavy bracketed cornice with overhangs, good elliptical lintels with granite keys and skewbacks, granite sills at all windows and transom lit entrance. Good stair and excellent cast iron rail.

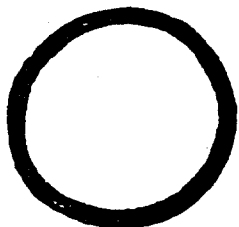
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Important Italianate townhouse with exemplary use of materials, important to streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up(✓)
 Residential() Commercial()
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

RECORDED BY:

Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON William H. Butler House**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

148 Duke of Gloucester Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Stephen T. VacendakTelephone #: 224-2023

STREET & NUMBER

1998 Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21401**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Anne Arundel CountyLiber #: 2779Folio #: 216

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A mid 19th century three story brick townhouse (now divided into apartments). Modified Italianate Bracketed style with cornice and a simplified round arch. The shutters covering basement windows are probably original whereas the present 9-pane door is of more recent vintage and seems out of keeping with so handsomely formal a structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the Annapolis Census of 1860 William H. Butler (colored) is counted as one of the wealthiest "free blacks" of the city, listing total assets of \$3,060. Among the assets listed to Butler were four houses; two on Duke of Gloucester Street and two on Monument Street. The early wealth of William H. Butler was a small matter, compared to the wealth he would accrue before his death on October 3, 1892. In the last half, of the 19th century, William H. Butler, drayer, builder and landlord was one of the wealthiest men, of either race, dwelling in Annapolis.

The William H. Butler House at 148 Duke of Gloucester Street, is a monument to "black success" in the 19th century. Butler, described as a "free person of color", in the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, purchased the house and property from James W. Allen and his wife Elizabeth, on April 15, 1863; four months and fifteen days after the Emancipation Proclamation became effective. At the time of William H. Butler's death in 1892, his son, William H. Butler, the younger, was serving on the City Council of Annapolis. His widow, and then his heirs, occupied the Butler House, until August 22, 1922. In all, the Butler family lived in this dwelling for fifty-nine (59) years. This handsome structure, located immediately beside Annapolis City Hall, because of its long history as a black residence, and because of the political and economic importance of its owners (The Butler family) deserves recognition as a significant site in Annapolis' Historic District.

Chronology attached.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Final Report - Appendix F "lot Histories and Maps"; National Endowment for the Humanities, Grant # H 69-0-178, prepared by Jane McWilliams and Edward Papenfuse, Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached sheet.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark

May 27, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

267-5955

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis.

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(5/62)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY		INVENTORY	
TOWN		2. NAME <u>WILLIAM H. BUTLER HOUSE</u>	
VICINITY		DATE OR PERIOD <u>Mid-Late 19th C.</u>	
STREET NO. <u>148 Duke of Gloucester Street</u>		STYLE <u>Victorian</u>	
ORIGINAL OWNER		ARCHITECT	
ORIGINAL USE <u>residence/apartments</u>		BUILDER	
PRESENT OWNER <u>b</u>		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESENT USE <u>residence/apartments</u>			
WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u>			
NO. OF STORIES <u>three</u>			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>no</u>			
<p>148 Duke of Gloucester Street is a rather elegant Victorian building of the town house variety. Its scale matches neighbors such as 144. There is a fine cornice and all windows (2/2) have imitation brown stone sills and keystones. Entrance is up 7 granite steps with a fine wrought iron rail. Building could be attractive.</p>			
			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		<u>good</u>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>William D. Morgan</u> <u>Columbia University</u> <u>New York City</u>	
		DATE OF RECORD <u>August 8, 1967</u>	

Verbal Boundary Description

All that lot situated on the Northeast side of Duke of Gloucester Street and described as follows:

Beginning for the same at the Southwest corner of a lot of ground owned by the heirs of the late Thomas Sands distant eighty-six (86) feet nine and one half ($9\frac{1}{2}$) inches from the Northwest corner of Gloucester and Green Streets thence with the Northeast side of Gloucester Street in a Westerly direction forty (40) feet thence running Northeast one hundred (100) feet to the division line between this lot and the lot of C.A. Crandall thence Southeast with said line forty (40) feet thence Southwest one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning, said property being designated as 148 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

CHRONOLOGY

William H. Butler House
148 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

*May 6, 1784

Nicolas Carroll to Jacob Hurst (Hust), 99 year leases on three lots.

40 ft. on East side of Duke of Gloucester Street. Above area A, 100 ft. in depth parallel to Green Street @ £ 15 Cur. p.a. (£ 5 to Margaret Carroll for life, £ 10 to Nicolas as above).

N H 2:24

Md. Hall of Records

1794

Margaret and Nicolas Carroll to John Hurst, son and heir of Jacob Hurst, agreement to reduce rents on property leased to Jacob in 1784.

(148 Duke of Gloucester Street)

Rent reduced to £ 5.2.6 Cur. p.a. (£ 3.84 to Nicolas, £ 1.14.2 to Margaret for/life).

N H 7:162

Md. Hall of Records

1798

John Hurst charged with 6 properties in city, three may have been these lots:

Southeast Street

(Maybe C - 148 Duke of Gloucester Street)

2 story frame dwelling 24 X 20, frame stable in bad repair 14 X 12, unoccupied ground rent \$7.10 3,000 sq. ft., \$250, assessment.

*Note: The above entries (May 6, 1784 thru 1798), are quoted from Final Report - Appendix F "Lot Histories and Maps"; National Endowment for the Humanities, Grant # H 69-0-178. Prepared by Jane McWilliams and Edward Papenfuse, Md. Hall of Records.

June 7, 1823

Nicolas Carroll to William T.T. Mason and Ann, his wife (148 Duke of Gloucester Street).

WSG #9

Fo. 516

Md. Hall of Records

June 30, 1840

William T.T. Mason and Ann Mason, his wife to Susannah Brewer by deed (148 Duke of Gloucester Street) for \$150.00.

WSG #25
Fo. 217
Md. Hall of Records

October 19, 1860

Philip Clayton, trustee to James W. Allen.

N H G #9
Fo. 531
L. R. of Anne Arundel County

"This deed made this nineteenth (19) day of October, 1860 by Philip Clayton, Trustee. Witnesseth: Whereas by decree of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, sitting as a court of Equity passed on the thirtieth (30) day of September, 1857 in the case of Philip Clayton and others vs. Susan (Susannah) Brewer and others the said Philip Clayton was appointed Trustee to sell the land decreed to be sold and has sold the same to James W. Allen who has fully paid the purchase money therefor.

Now therefor in consideration of the premises the said Philip Clayton doth grant unto James W. Allen his heirs and assigns in fee simple, the house and lot herein described _____"

October 19, 1860

*Note: This is the first mention of the present structure on record. It places the construction of the house (148 Duke of Gloucester Street) between 1840 and 1857, during the tenure of Susannah Brewer.

April 16, 1863

James W. Allen to William H. Butler, "a free person of color" of the city of Annapolis for the sum of \$550.00. (3 story brick building and a frame stable).

N H G #11
Fo. 193
L. R. of Anne Arundel County

October 3, 1892

William H. Butler, dies.

July 31, 1893

William H. Butler, et al. complaintants

vs.

Sarah I. Butler, et al. defendants *

Liber SH 22

Fo. 563

Equity Rec. of Anne Arundel County

July 31, 1893

*Note: William H. Butler died intestate. This Equity case between Butler's elder children and his widow and minor children called for a division of his lands and houses. Sarah I. Butler, widow of William H. Butler, was awarded 148 Duke of Gloucester Street as part of her "dower" in November of 1893. A survey of all of Butler's land including 148 Duke of Gloucester Street, may be found attached to the Equity proceedings in Liber SH22 in the Anne Arundel County Equity records. The land was surveyed by Louis Green, Surveyor and presented to the Commissioners on November 1, 1893.

It can also be noted in these records that William H. Butler (the younger), appearing in defense of his mother (Sarah I. Butler), describes himself to the judges as: "William H. Butler of Annapolis, I am a member of the City Counsel, I am a farmer and carpenter by occupation."

August 4, 1921

*William H. Butler, et al. complainants
Adde Ireland, et al. defendants

No. 4548 Equity

Equity Records of Anne Arundel County

*Note: As a result of this Equity case, 148 Duke of Gloucester Street was ordered to be sold at a Trustee's Sale. The house and lot were auctioned on June 27, 1922. William H. Moss was Auctioneer and Nicholas H. Green was the court appointed Trustee.

The following is a description of the premises at that time:

All that lot of ground located on the Northeast side of Duke of Gloucester Street, fronting thereon forty feet, more or less, and having a depth of one hundred feet, more or less, improved by a large three-story brick dwelling designated as Number 148 Gloucester street, substantially built and in excellent condition, containing 12 rooms and bath. 8 bedrooms, frant and back stariway, cellar containing store-room, pantry and kitchen and fuel room, alley-way four feet wide on one side, and driveway 12 feet on the other side of dwelling; large yard and brick smokehouse, could be converted into apartments at small cost.

August 11, 1922

Nicholas H. Green, Trustee to Raymond L. Moss and Phillip Miller, by deed.

WNW 52
Fo. 310
L.R. of Anne Arundel County

August 22, 1939

Raymond Moss and Eugene P. Childs, Trustee to Harry Ivrey.

JHH 207
Fo. 96
L.R. of Anne Arundel County

January 7, 1975

Deed between Samuel M. Ivrey and Sara Ivrey Gilden

WGL 2730
Fo. 895
L.R. of Anne Arundel County

Extract: "First: All that lot and improvements known as 148 Duke of Gloucester Street and being the second parcel described in a Deed recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Liber JHH 207, Folio 96 being the same property devised unto Sara I. Gilden by said Tillie Ivrey Rosenstein".*

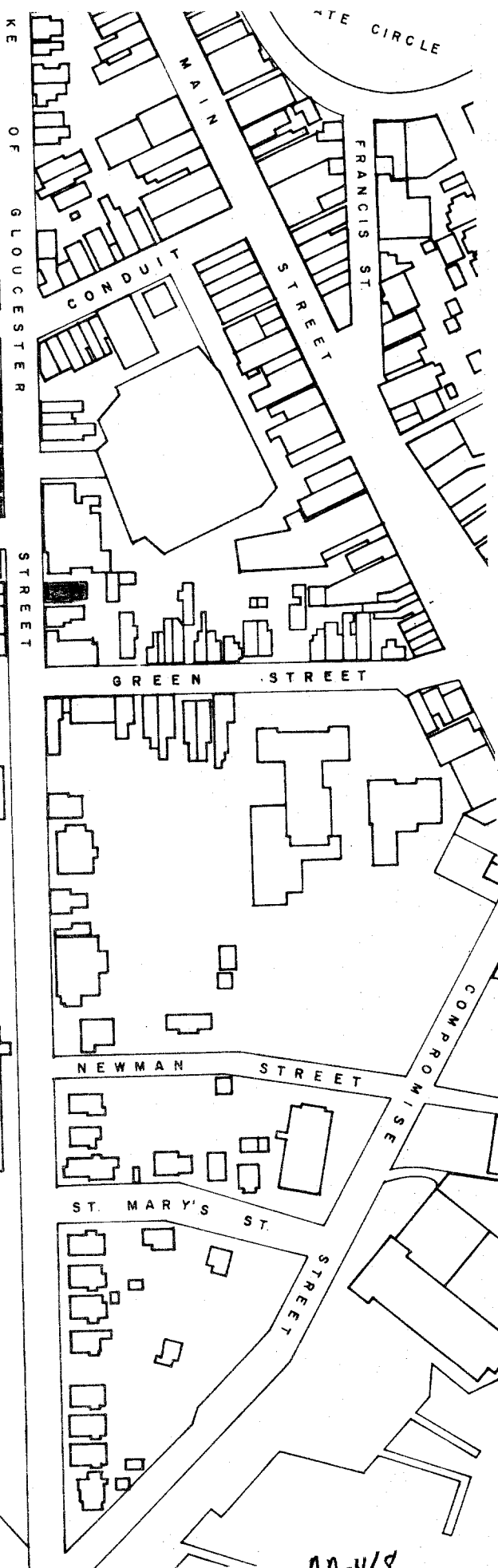
*Note: Tillie Ivrey Rosenstein, deceased, was the widow of Harry Ivrey (deceased).

July 31, 1975

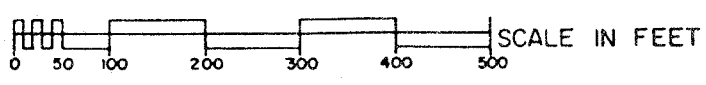
Sara I. Gilden to Stephen T. Vacendak, by deed (148 Duke of Gloucester Street).*

Liber 2779
Fo. 216
L.R. of Anne Arundel County

*All entries in this Chronology from June 27, 1823 thru July 31, 1975, were entered, and prepared by James W. Clark, Researcher for the Maryland Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture, 20 Dean Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.



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Butler Family Home

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NORTH W.
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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

SW Elevation/camera facing NE